



Asbury Church
a United Methodist
Community

Our Vision Statement

In all aspects of our lives, we will strive to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

SUNDAY SERVICES

HERITAGE WORSHIP
8:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP
5:00 p.m. in the Worship Center

Senior Pastor
Eric S. Yeakel



SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

During our 9:30 Worship Service and Sunday School time, we have childcare for infants through three year olds. During our 11:00 Service, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

OFFICE HOURS

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Thanks to everyone for their participation in the Congregational Chats this past week. It was great to be able to share the mission and vision of Asbury with you as well as many of the exciting things happening at our church. I believe God is working through Asbury to change lives and transform communities. A special thanks to the members of Church Council for their leadership in these chats.

Last Sunday, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade had their first experience in the new Worship Center for B.L.A.S.T. We believe the Bible should never be boring and worship can be really fun. This new space is able to help us make that happen for our children. I want to thank Pam Unrath for the leadership she is providing in making children's ministry an irresistible environment.

On Sunday, 5/1, we will begin a 5-part series of sermons called "Catching Fire." Two thousand years ago, a gathering of people in a middle-eastern city began a movement that would circle the globe and leave its mark on individuals and cultures on every continent. This movement would eventually become known as The Church. The Church is much more than a building or a place. The church is a movement. And it's still moving. I hope you can join us as we explore stories of the earliest gatherings of Christians and see what that means for us today as a church. This is an important series to help us understand the mission of the church and how to carry it out.

See you in worship!

Pastor Eric

HANDBELL



CONCERT

The Jubilation Ringers

On Sunday, 5/1, at 4:00 p.m., the Jubilation Ringers will present a Spring Concert. The concert will be held at **St. Michael Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Nativity** (aka Nativity Lutheran), 4004 West Tilghman Street. A free-will offering will be collected. Everyone is welcome! For more information, please contact jubilationringers@gmail.com or Kim at 610-298-0094.

ASBURY WORK DAY is scheduled for Saturday, 4/30, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, rain or shine! Let's come together to show our pride in the church we all love. Please bring work gloves, rakes, shovels, weeding tools, hand or hedge trimmers, loping shears and a fun spirit! For information, call Sandy Silvonek (610-653-5303).

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**WORK
DAY**
April 30, 8 AM

RADICAL HOSPITALITY / CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CARE

UMW APRIL COLLECTION: The UMW is collecting diapers, baby wipes, lip balm, baby formula and clean, unwanted baby clothes, shoes and blankets for the Caring Closet in St. John's ECC Church, Allentown, for the month of April. Contact Debi Olphin with any inquires or to make a cash donation for supplies.

PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 4/19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Please contact Pam Grossman (610-398-8066 or pm.grossmann@gmail.com) or Dale Begany (610-216-9517 or dbegany@hotmail.com) for more information.



GENERAL CONFERENCE 2016: This year's General Conference is scheduled for May 10-20 in Portland, OR. To further inform the Asbury Congregation, Judy Ehninger, Co-chair of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Delegation, will hold informational sessions about the General Conference and be available to listen to your comments regarding the issues coming before this year's General Conference on:

- Sunday, 4/24, at 12:15 and 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center
- Sunday, 5/1, at 12:15 and 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center
- Sessions are planned to last no more than 45 minutes

You may contact Judy Ehninger (judy.ehninger@gmail.com or 610-442-3140) to share your questions or concerns.

HELP IS NEEDED WITH GRASS CUTTING this summer. Volunteers will be scheduled on a rotating basis; days and times are flexible. If you are interested, please email our Head Custodian, Frank Taylor (ftaylor@asburylv.org) or call the church office. Frank will then contact you to arrange a time for training.

2016 SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION: Partial summer camp scholarships are available for Asbury families who wish to send their child/children to Pocono Plateau, Gretna Glen, or Camp Innabah. To be considered for the 2016 summer camping season, please fill out a scholarship application found with the camp brochures at the Welcome Desk by the Wesley Center or in the Community Room, or print a form from our website, asburylv.org and deliver it to the church office by 5/31.

CALLING ALL PROUD CAMPERS: Have you ever been to a summer camp at Gretna Glen, Innabah, Pocono Plateau, or Carson Simpson Farm? (This applies to adults youth and children!) Help show the congregation how many lives have been impacted by camping by being part of a group picture! Meet Robin Fitch in the back hallway behind the Sanctuary this Sunday, 4/17, at 10:40 a.m. Dress is casual with a camp T-shirt if possible.

OUR SUMMER CAMP CHAMPIONS are also working on a camping video to be shown as part of a Ministry Moment planned for worship on Sunday 4/24. If you've been to camp and are interested in sharing your story, please contact Mei-Ling Blackstone (610-530-1962) for details.

GRETNA GLEN GRITTY 5K MUD RUN & WALK-A-THON 2016 FUNDRAISER

Join us on 5/7 at Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center in Lebanon, PA for the 2016 Gretna Gritty Mud-Run & Walk-A-Thon fundraiser! Visit www.gretnaglen.org/gritty for details.



PRAYERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

For those who are sick or in the hospital

Lord, we ask your mercy and healing for all those currently hospitalized, in rehab or recently discharged, especially Carol O'Neill, Robert Lenz, Ruth Severt and Nora Rice. We ask you to have mercy on all those in pain and grant them your peace.

For those who mourn

Lord, we ask comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially the family of Hannah Hunter. Reassure them of your unending mercy and eternal love.

For those who need your special help

Lord, we affirm that your power is infinite and that you love us all like a devoted parent. Gratefully acknowledging your love and mercy toward us, we lift up these people who need your special help: Joe & Lisa Dolan lift up Joe, Sr. who is in comfort care at Lehigh Center. Melissa Tellier asks blessings for her son, Kyle. Bobby Torres & Karen Dearborn ask healing for Bobby's brother after surgery. Gary Millsbaugh asks healing for Jody's mother, Carol Kessler, now recovering from a 2nd stroke. Terrie Daugherty asks comfort for her friend Patty who recently lost her sister-in-law, Barbara.

For the world, its people and its leaders

Love is the greatest power. Help our leaders, movers and shakers remember mercy, charity, compassion, kindness and the power to inspire grace as they govern.

May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and grant you his peace. - Moses (Numbers 6:24-26)

For our children

Lord, we are devastated when our children are hurt. Protect them from the influence of evil. Strengthen them in discernment and remind them every day that when they call upon you and walk with you, all will be well.

For our congregation

We come together to praise you, Lord! We come together as brothers and sisters in Christ's service. As our delegates prepare for the General Conference in May we ask that everyone involved will speak the truth...and do so in love (Eph. 4:15)

With thanksgiving for our joys

We give thanks for the joy of John & Jan Lucas who recently celebrated 24 years of marriage. Cheryl Washington is thankful for the opportunity to worship at Asbury as a visitor from Wesley UMC in Bethlehem, and asks blessings on her family as they enter into new business growth opportunities. Sara Brown gives thanks for Judy Whitby, who so willingly and capably helps in the office to produce the weekly bulletin and "Vine" during vacation weeks.

For the missions we support

Today we pray for the ministry of Daybreak and Asbury members who volunteer there. May they continue to reach out to people in our community living with mental illness, physical disabilities, addictions, HIV/AIDS and to the elderly, as they serve three balanced meals each workday and teach life skills.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



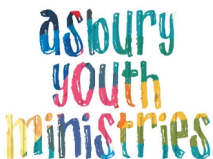
Contact Pam Unrath,
Director of Children's Ministries,
for information on all
Children's Ministries activities & opportunities
(punrath@asburylv.org or 610-398-2577).

Child care is available each week at the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service for infants and one-year-olds in Room 214 and for two-year-olds in Room 223. Child care is also provided during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Room 223.

This Sunday, 4/17, all children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade should report to The Worship Center for B.L.A.S.T. (Sunday School Gathering) at 9:30 a.m. Throughout the month of April we will be looking at the topic of "perseverance" and how the Bible is full of messages that offer hope to those who persevere and trust God.

Asbury's Children's Ministry is seeking a patient, loving individual to join our child care team! This position requires availability approximately 2 Sunday mornings each month, from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. This individual should be willing to obtain Child Abuse and Criminal background clearances and participate in the Safe Sanctuaries training. This is a paid position. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pam Unrath in the church office (610-398-2577 or punrath@asburylv.org).

This summer, July 25–29, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Asbury will host our annual Vacation Bible School for children Age 4 through 5th Grade. This high energy, fun-filled week allows children to learn, grow and experience God's love as they participate in Music, Games, Storytelling, Art and Science workshops each day. Please consider where you may like to use your talents in making this an incredible experience! There are opportunities to create/assemble decorations, assist in one of the workshop areas, be a shepherd for a group and so much more! We hope that you will join us



Contact Aaron Forney, Director of Youth Ministries,
for information on all
Youth Ministries activities & opportunities
(aforney@asburylv.org or 610-398-2577).



We spend a lot of effort using filters – real and metaphorical – to make our image better. We're afraid to show the real us because we stack ourselves up against other people's "highlight reels," but living authentically and "keeping it real" allows us to live a better life and to help others live a better life too. Join us for the final week of our 2-week series, "Instalife," where we'll discuss the image you show the world and who you really are. Youth Group meets Sunday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.

Sunday School is a chance for us to dig into our faith and dissect what it means for our lives, all while we get to know each other more as we work to live as part of God's community.

- ◇ **Middle School Sunday School:** Every day you hear the word "love" thrown around: in relationships that won't last, to describe how much someone likes pizza... but we're told that God loves us eternally. What does it mean that God loves us that way? Come join the discussion! The class meets Sunday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Room 106.
- ◇ **High School Sunday School:** All year we're exploring topics related to loving our neighbor. Come explore new ground with us! The High School Sunday School meets Sunday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge.

High Schoolers: The project for the West Virginia Work Week, when we serve a family in the name of Jesus, has been selected! Details to come soon! The trip is July 17-23, 2016. Registration will open shortly—save the date, and watch for project information to be available soon!

Keep up-to-date with us online! Sign up for our [weekly_email](#) and visit www.asburyym.org or check our [Facebook page](#), [Twitter feed](#), or [Instagram feed](#). No accounts are required to access any of the social media accounts.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE



CHANGE FOR CHANGE

is designated for Community Bike Works, which provides inner-city children living in at-risk situations with meaningful work-ethic alternatives to gangs, drugs and the streets. They use bicycles, peer role models and adult mentors to develop and nurture relationships and to engage youth; and once engaged, influence their behavior and their outlook about school and life. Please place your contributions in the "Change For Change" containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Worship Center.



Jewels of Hope

AIM will be selling "Jewels of Hope" in the Community Room (between morning services) ... just in time for Mother's Day. This jewelry is hand made by the AIDS orphans in the Phayiphini Community KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. Please stop by our table on 4/17, 4/24 and 5/1 to support this mission.



Help us raise money for the Ramos Playground. Every Tuesday in April from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. the Subway at 1313 Tilghman Street will donate an amount equal to 10% of sales to the Ramos Playground Project. Enjoy a great meal with your family and support our Ramos kids.



Start cleaning out your closets!
Asbury's Annual Missions Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, 6/18, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 17 / Baptisms

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow - 200
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - 108
- 10:45 a.m. Revelation Bible Study - 217
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. AIM Luncheon - Parlor
- 12:30 p.m. UMW Spring Luncheon - Wesley Center
- 2:00 p.m. Pack 12 Den Meetings -215/217
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Worship Center
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center
- 6:00 p.m. Pack 12 Committee Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - 108/YL
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep - 106

Monday, April 18

- 5:45 p.m. Dancing Stars Ballet Class - 204
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Trio - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m., Boy Scout Troop 12 - Wesley Center/106
- 6:30 p.m. Country Crossings HOA Meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Praise Band - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Girls - Offsite
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers - 206
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 61025 - 108

Tuesday, April 19

- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Church Council - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. AIM - 106
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball - Wesley Center
- 7:00 p.m. OA - 108

Wednesday, April 20

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group - 231
- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study - 108

Wednesday, April 20 (continued)

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 5:30 p.m. Garden of Eatin' - Wesley Center
- 5:40 p.m. Faith Ringers - 206
- 6:00 p.m. District Superintendency Meeting - Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters - 204
- 6:30 p.m. Journey 101: Serving God - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers - 108
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers - 106
- 6:45 p.m. Sarah Circle - 215
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir - 106
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers - 206

Thursday, April 21

- 6:00 p.m. Open Door Band Rehearsal - Worship Center
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON - 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - 102

Friday, April 22

- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open) - Wesley Center
- 6:00 p.m. Pack 12 Den Meeting - 211

Saturday, April 23

- 8:30 a.m. Asbury Basketball - Wesley Center
- 6:00 p.m. Henritzy Class Movie Night - 217

Sunday, April 24

- 8:00 a.m. Heritage Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow - 200
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class - 108
- 10:20 a.m. Fire Drill - Entire Building
- 10:45 a.m. Revelation Bible Study - 217
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. General Conference Info Session - Worship Center
- 5:00 p.m. Open Door Alternative Worship - Worship Center
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Dinner - Wesley Center
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 2 - 217
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - 108/YL
- 6:30 p.m. General Conference Info Session - Worship Center



Our Staff

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